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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed 22 January 2001.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

An English abstract is provided for DE 44 13 782 and EP 0 257 664.

The paragraph of the current application that outlines the relevance of NO 128968 is provided herewith.

At the end of the 1960s, the Torx® slot appeared. This has been described in detail in NO 128968. In the axial direction, this screw slot has the general shape of a star with six

points, where the points are slightly rounded. The walls of the slot that extend down into the screw head are straight. The tool has been designed to be complementary to the slot. The Torx® slot remedies many of the disadvantages that are associated with for instance cross-slots. For all that, the Torx® slot still has some serious disadvantages. Since the walls are straight, the slot depth will be limited, particularly in conical screw heads, or so-called countersunk heads. If the depth becomes too great, the walls of the screw head will become very thin at the bottom of the slot, and the screw head may easily break off in this area.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

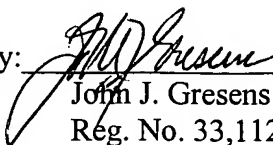
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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